Year	Production (Lakh bales of 170 Kgs.)	Yield (Kg./hectare)
1997-1998	108.51	208
1998-1999	122.87	224
1999-2000	115.30	225
2000-2001	96.52	191
2001-2002 (Provisional)	119.60	237

Publication of NCERT books under SC order

3342. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has allowed National Council of Educational Research and Training to publish and sell its revised text books for all the subjects, except Social Sciences and Hindi;

(b) if so, whether the controversy over this issue has been resolved; and

(c) whether the Supreme Court has given any decision about Social Science and Hindi also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Supreme Court has passed an interim order directing the NCERT and the CBSE not to further implement the curriculum and publish text books related to Social Sciences including History, Religion and Hindi.

(b) and (c) The matter is pending in the Court.

Consumption of pulses

3343. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita consumption of pulses has been falling alarmingly during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such fall;

(d) what is the total demand of the pulses in the country; and

(e) the steps being taken to meet the ever-growing demand of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The per capita availability of pulses during last five years has been fluctuating as given below:

Year	Per Capita Net Availability (kg. per annum)
1996	11.9
1997	13.6
1998	12.0
1999	13.5
2000(P)	11.7

P — (Provisional)

(c) The availability of pulses depends upon their production which fluctuate from year to year depending upon the behaviour of monsoon as these are cultivated on marginal and sub-marginal lands and under rainfed conditions.

(d) The working group on demand supply projections of Agricultural Commodities for IX Plan set-up by the Planning Commission has estimated the production requirement of pulses for 2001- 2002 at 17.20 million tonnes and consumption requirement at 13.90 million tonnes under normative approach.

(e) The Government of India is making all efforts to meet the demand of pulses in the country by increasing the production of pulses. For increasing the production of pulses a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 30 States/UTs. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, seed minikit, rhyzobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements etc. In addition, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organized for transfer of improved production and protection technology to the farmers for increasing the production of pulses in the country.

Import of pulses

3344. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of pulses witnessed a seven fold increase during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of imports, item-wise, during the same period and the corresponding production in the country;